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In re Application of Carlton Sparrell et al.

Application No. 09/603,310

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Title: WIRELESS TDMA SYSTEM AND

METHOD FOR NETWORK COMMUNICATIONS

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

DECISION ON PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.137(f)

This is a decision on the petition filed September 13, 2004, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.137(f), to revive the above-identified application.

A grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(f) must be accompanied by:

- (1) Notification of the filing of an application in a foreign country or under a multinational treaty that requires 18 month publication<sup>1</sup>;
- (2) The petition fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m), and;
- (3) A statement that the entire delay in filing the notice from the date that the notice was due under 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(iii) until the date the notice was filed was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

Petitioner states that the instant nonprovisional application is the subject of an application filed in either a foreign or an international application on June 21, 2001. However, the United States Patent and Trademark Office was unintentionally not notified of this filing within 45 days subsequent to the filing of the subject application in either an international application or a foreign country.

On June 25, 2001, a Notice of Rescission of Nonpublication Request was filed with the Office or with the instant petition. Unfortunately, notification of the filing of the international or foreign application did not accompany this filing.

<sup>1 &</sup>lt;u>See PTO/SB/36</u> and paragraph on PTO/SB/64a for further information. Both may be downloaded at http://www.uspto.gov/web/forms/index.html.

In view of the above, this application became abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §1.22(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 C.F.R. §1.213(c) for failure to timely notify the Office of the filing of either a foreign application or an application under a multilateral international agreement that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.

The petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(f) is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner has submitted the notification of either a foreign or an international filing, paid the petition fee, and has made the proper statement of unintentional delay.

The instant petition has been found to be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.137(f). Accordingly, the failure to timely notify the Office of a foreign or international filing within 45 days after the date of filing of such foreign or international application as provided by 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 C.F.R. §1.213(c) is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

The previous Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(i), filed with the original application papers, has been rescinded. Unfortunately, due to a software problem the Office is currently experiencing, the Office cannot determine the projected publication date at this time.

It is noted that on the petition, Petitioner has listed the first named inventor as being "John Santhoff." The Office will presume that this is a typographical error, as this individual does not appear on the declaration.

After this decision is mailed, the application will be forwarded to Technology Center 2600.

The general phone number for the Office of Petitions which should be used for status requests is (571) 272-3282. Telephone inquiries regarding *this decision* should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225.

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